

Family Focus

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We would like to welcome several new employees who recently joined our staff here at the Albuquerque District.

Jesus Barrios is the new lead cost engineer for Cost Engineering. Jesus joined us in May and comes to SPA from the Walla Walla District.

Mark Paulus is a new Civil Engineer in the Construction Contracts Section. Mark transferred from the St. Paul District where he worked in Cost Engineering and Construction.

Jessica Medina is a new summer hire employee in Engineering & Construction Division. Her workstation is located in the Geotechnical Section. Jessica began working in the District on June 4 and will be entering her junior year at St. Pius High School.

Logistics Office has hired **Robert Young** as their new Supply Technician. Robert began working here in June and comes to the Albuquerque District via Vicenza, Italy.

We would like to welcome these new employees to the District and congratulate them on their new positions with us.

As many of you may have noticed, there have been some changes in the District Office over the last several months.

Darlene Evans was selected as the new Secretary for PPPMD on July 15. Congratulations on your new position Darlene.

Reina Gonzales has been hired in Contracting Division under the Student Career Experience Program.

Congratulations to the two of you on your new positions with us in the Albuquerque District.

Don Davis has retired from the Albuquerque District. He and his coworkers celebrated at a luncheon at the Olive Garden on July 27. Farewell to Don and best wishes on your new journeys.

Two of the District's employees were recently married.

Karen Aguilar, Military/SFO Branch, was married to Van Billop's on July 28 at Montgomery Church of God in Albuquerque with a reception following at Temple Hall. Karen also celebrated with a bachelorette party at Back Street given by friends on July 26. The photos from that event are under lock and key.

Congratulations to **Jamie Christensen**, OA Clerk in the Construction Contracts Section. Jamie was married on July 21 at the First Baptist Church in Rio Rancho. Jamie and her Fiancé, Chris Nez moved to the Durango,

Colorado area after the wedding where she will continue going to school and working in our new office in Durango, Colorado.

Congratulations to the two of you and best of luck in your new marriages.

Congratulations to **Paul Romero**, Engineering Trainee in the Construction Contracts Section. Paul graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science in Construction Management and a minor in Business Management from the University of New Mexico on May 12.

John and Crystal Gallegos, Contracting Division, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Susana Gallegos was born on June 28 at 8:30 pm. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 20.3 inches long.

Agnes Gallegos, Don Gallegos' 10-year-old daughter competed in USATF Junior Olympics National Championships in Sacramento in the shot put and javelin in July. In the shot put she finished in 11th place. Going into the event she was ranked number one out of 15 regions in the nation. In the javelin she was also top ranked and finished first with a throw of 88 feet 2 inches, which was just short of the national record that she set in Decatur, IL, (89 feet 2 inches). In the shot put (6 lb) this year she broke two state records and in the javelin she set the state record, regional record, and has the national record. Her best throw in the shot put was 26 feet at regionals.

We are sad to report the passing of Royce Lackey's wife, **Zella Lackey**. She had been ill for some time and passed away on the afternoon of July 21. Services for Zella Lackey were held Thursday, July 26 at the First Baptist Church in Tijeras.

